

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LETTER FROM VETERANS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ONGOING EVACUATION EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, as a combat veteran who served three tours of duty, both in Afghanistan and Iraq, I understand the danger and lasting implications of war. We mourn for the U.S. servicemembers killed in the August 26 attack in Kabul. These service members were engaged in a mission to save the lives of others, and we should never forget their service and sacrifice.

As we grieve with the rest of America, we must commit to evacuating U.S. citizens and our Afghan partners, regardless of the August 31st deadline. I recognize this operation is not without risk, but I believe it is both a moral and national security imperative to see this evacuation to completion.

Therefore, I include in the RECORD the following letter signed by 600 veterans on the importance of continued evacuation efforts. I look forward to our continued work to bring our brave service members, U.S. citizens, and Afghan partners to safety.

VETERANS' LETTER TO PRESIDENT BIDEN ON AFGHANISTAN

AUGUST 25, 2021.

President JOE BIDEN,
The White House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: As veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, we are writing to express our strong and unwavering support for the ongoing evacuation efforts for U.S. citizens and our Afghan allies being led by the United States at the Hamid Karzai International Airport.

Throughout our military service, we have seen firsthand the importance of not just the interpreters who worked alongside our troops on the battlefield, but also the thousands of Afghans who directly supported our American mission through U.S.-funded NGOs, contractors, and other implementers.

These civilian operations—led by the Afghans working on U.S. funded projects—have been vital for U.S. national security and for empowering millions of women and girls. The grave danger now faced by these Afghan allies and their families cannot be overstated.

We are also deeply worried that this group of Afghans—individuals who qualify for Priority 2 refugee status—could be largely left behind by the current U.S. military evacuation efforts. We fear that the U.S. will fail in its moral duty to protect these individuals who stood directly with America.

Therefore, we write with three specific and urgent requests for your Administration:

1. Prioritize U.S.-led evacuations for potential and qualifying Priority 2 applicants and their families for evacuation efforts alongside potential Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) applicants and U.S. citizens.

2. Extend the evacuation mission past August 31, 2021—not just for U.S. citizens—but

for all our Afghan allies that worked alongside us in the military and U.S. civilian missions, assuming everyone cannot be evacuated by the deadline.

3. Ensure safe corridors for evacuees to access the Kabul airport.

Thank you for your attention and leadership to help get all our Afghan allies to safety. As we all know, time is of the essence.

Very respectfully,

Russell McLachlan, Joseph Snowden, Anne Hobbs, Birmingham, Neil Rafferty, Dena Contri Cook, Chris Perry, Paulette Risher, John Hamilton, Mike Ball, William Turkoski, Al Wood, Stephen Charles, Danielle Bennett, Tim Smithpeters, Donald Becka, Betty Carlene Gilio, Wade Rutt, Luis Cardenas Camacho.

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HONORING MR. MAC WOODWARD

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the distinguished career and public service of Mr. Mac Woodward.

As a sixth generation resident of Huntsville, Mr. Woodward has long valued making an active difference in his community. In 1970, Mac received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Sam Houston State University, soon followed with his Master of Arts in History from the University of Houston's Institute for Public History.

Mac's passion for history brought him to work at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum as a historical interpreter in 1994. Impressively, Mac was named the museum's curator of collections just one year later. Mac also performed museum-related activities with the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, Institute of Texan Cultures, Texas Highways, and the Department of Interior National Historic Landmark Report. With decades of experience, Mac was named Director of the Sam Houston Memorial Museum at Sam Houston State University on January 1, 2012. Mr. Woodward exhibited a passion for educating the public on the life and history of Sam Houston. As a result of his effort, an historic bust of Sam Houston was displayed in the United States Capitol in the Ways and Means Committee Room from 2016 to 2019.

During his time as a Council member, Mac was the Mayor Pro Tempore and Chairman of the Finance Committee. He then went on to serve four terms on the Huntsville City Council before successfully being elected Mayor in 2011. During his 12-year tenure as both a city councilman and the mayor of Huntsville, Mac Woodward demonstrated servant leadership throughout his tenure in office. In 2015, Woodward was voted Citizen of the Year and in 2016, he was named The Huntsville Item's Public Servant of the Year. These awards reflect the high esteem with which Mac is held by the Huntsville community.

Mr. Woodward has also served on the Advisory Boards of both the City of Huntsville's Parks and Recreation and Oakwood Cemetery. In addition, Mac has always remained actively involved serving as a board member for foundations and organizations, project manager for several historic preservation efforts, and committee member for countless public events.

I am proud to join Mr. Woodward's family and friends to honor Mac's distinguished career and thank him for his leadership and dedication to public service.

HONORING REVA LOBATOS ON BEING NAMED THE 2021 WYOMING AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Reva Lobatos on

being named the 2021 Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom Educator of the Year.

Reva Lobatos currently teaches fourth grade at Fort Washakie Elementary in Fremont County and is active in her school, education communities, and WAIC programs. Over the past four years, Reva has taught the Wyoming Stewardship Program to her fourth grade students on the Wind River Indian Reservation. These lessons provide a meaningful way for Reva to discuss natural resources, the economic impacts of those resources, and caring for the land.

Over the past year, as the Covid-19 pandemic forced our children to attend school virtually, Reva found new and creative ways to give her students a hands-on learning experience. She utilized resources from the Wyoming Stewardship Program to allow her students to explore Devil's Tower and a Wyoming trona mine through virtual field trips. This new and creative way of teaching allowed her students to engage with the curriculum and develop an interest in our unique landmarks.

This outstanding accomplishment is a true reflection of Reva's hard work, dedication, and commitment to her students. Washakie Elementary school is lucky to have someone who puts students first and finds new and creative ways to make learning interactive for their students.

I thank Reva for her dedication to Wyoming students and contributions to education.

RETIREMENT OF KURT HYDE, THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS INSPECTOR GENERAL

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Kurt Hyde for his many years of dedicated service to the Library on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Hyde was invaluable in setting the Library on a path of modernization and performance-driven strategy.

Mr. Hyde has had a long and illustrious career in the public, nonprofit and private sectors, in positions devoted to the public interest. Prior to serving as the Library's Inspector General, he was the deputy inspector general for audit and evaluations at the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program, a sophisticated, white collar law enforcement agency established to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse in the \$700 billion program.

Similarly, he served as the deputy assistant inspector general for the Resolution Trust Corporation during the savings and loan financial crisis in the 1990s. Other government service included work at the Government Accountability Office and as a senior executive at the Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General. In the private sector, Mr. Hyde was a partner in the government services practice at big 5 accounting and consulting firm. He also consulted to a non-profit whose mission was to develop transformational leaders for primary and secondary schools.

Although we will miss Mr. Hyde's hard work and dedication to the Library, we wish him well as he embarks upon his well-deserved retirement. Please join me in thanking Mr. Hyde for his years of outstanding service.